

Decatur, Illinois
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Dr. John O. McNeal
1127 Pine Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Dr. McNeal:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. arrived this a. m., in re: the postoffice of Millpoint, W. Va., originally Cackleytown, and same inquiry concerning the Cackley Family.

You seem to have settled at least the time that Millpoint, Virg., (now W. Va.) became a U. S. Post Office, however, the name of the town could have been changed earlier than the date the P. O. was established.

I have a copy of a letter ~~written~~ written on Feb. 6, 1893 by Dr. Cephus Kackley Maysville, Ky., to Wm. H. Cackley, of Ronceverte, W. Va., (this Wm. H. C. the son (8) Valentine Cackley, Jr., not the Wm. H. Ca of near Millpoint) in which he was seeking info. about the Virg. Cackleys - and his letter contained the following paragraph - "Exxonkownx In a list of battle skirmishes in Va. I find the name Cackleytown. I could not find such a postoffice. Where is it?"

I think Wm. Cackley spoke of the place when at father's."

Of course this has reference to Civil War skirmishes and this would be thirty years after the date the P. O. Dept. Records show that the town was Millpoint. (1865 less 1835=30 years). However between 1862 and 1865 the residents and the Civil War soldiers and correspondents evidently still called the little village Cackleytown. The above listed 1893 letter was where I conceived the idea that Cackleytown did not become Millpoint until the latter part of the Civil War, or later. The above named Dr. Cephus Kackley was of the 4th generation, a son of (4) Joseph (none) and Elizabeth (Turner) Ka., and he a son of (4) Elias (none) Kackley, Sr., a son of Jacob Keckley, Sr. (1701-1788), or Gen. No. 1.

You ask the privilege to look over my Cackley data at some time and that Bill Cackley may have given me much of this material. Bill had sent no data, until a letter came on Mch. 22nd, in which he sent info. for his branch, his parents, grandparents, and great grd. parents (Gen. No. 3) of Levi (none), Sr., and Nancy (none) Bradshaw Cackley. He sent no data, not even names for his grandfather (5 Wm. James Ca.), 3 brothers and two sisters,

I note that you are compiling a History of the McNeal Family, therefore, I am wondering how far back you may know about the original Keckley ancestors, who came to the colonies and if you know about the three spellings of the original family name of - Keckley -- namely - Keckley, Kackley & Cackley.

Before I forget it - you are welcome to come look over my Keckley Family History Data, at any time it may suit your convenience - however - I wish to state that my "Cackley Branches" data IS LIMITED, as I personally have contacted none of the "Cackley Branches" - I ran onto Bill in a rather peculiar manner. I wrote the Assoc. of Commerce at Millpoint not then knowing it was such a small village - my letter was sent to the Prison Camp - then relayed to Wm. H. Cackley of the Twin Oaks Farm - and he replied - my inquiry concerned the date that Cackleytown became Millpoint - and Bill did not know.

I will explain a little more about the Keckley F. History, processions of data it looks like we will not be compiling for 20 or 30 years yet. There are at present 3 Historians and a General Genealogist - so engaged. I have been working on this history for only about 5½ years. The Gen'l Genealogist about 8 years - at present we have catalogued probably over 9,000 ancestors and descendants. I alone - have added over 4,000 in my 5½ years, or almost ½ of our total. I put in about 3 years on the Keckley Bohn. ONLY, and while doing so - ran into a Kackley Bohn. out in Nebraska, who changed his last name to Keckley - and at that time he had 8 children, ranging in age from 6 to 22 years - and they all became Keckley(s) without any legal procedure EXCEPT HIS oldest s on who applied

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No birth date; d - about 1818 in Frederick Co., Virg., where he lived his entire life. Mr'd Catherine _____, evidently in Frederick Co., Va. They had 8 sons & 8 dtrs., one son, Benjamin, died at an early age. Their first 5 children remained in Virg. Also (8) Elias, Jr., who mar'd & died at a fairly young age. The other children came to Gurnsey Co., Ohio to reside, & (7) Jacob & Sarah Snapp to Ky. - then to Knox Co., Ind. (near Vincennes). These two dtrs. we still know nothing about - so, do not know how they spelled their last names, or whom they married.

Evidently died in Dec. 1780, as his estate was appraised on Jan. 8, 1781, valuation 5954 pounds (about \$30,000.00 then - D. E. K.). The sale held on the 16 Jan. 1781, estate settled on Oct. 5, 1781. Only heir, wife, Catherine, who became Mrs. Henry Richaros, before the estate was settled. He was one of the Appraisors. The above data shows clearly why Benjamin was not mentioned in his father's will - made on Aug. 1, 1781. He had died about 8+ months prior, and left no heirs, except his wife, Catherine. Srs. will probated on Oct. 6, 1789, in book 5, pp. 224, Winchester, Virg. Executors were his dear wife (not named) & son, Elias. The settlement of his estate was delayed, evidently because, Mrs. Alice Keckley (his wife), did not qualify.

This will give you a good general idea of Gen. No. 1 - and the three different spellings of the original family name, which we "Historians" are SURE was not intentional - but due to "circumstances" - caused by these "German Boys" pronunciation of their last name. A German always pronounces an "E" as if it was a long or broad "A" in English, therefore, they pronounced their names "Kackley." If a German wrote it down they would spell it "Keckley", but others would spell it either "Kackley" or "Cackley" - both pronounced the same. Therefore - as these German Boys eventually owned "tangible property" / the documents were frequently made out WRONGLY, and when they disposed of that property they were compelled to use these wrong spelled names - which furthered these wrong spelled names. In the middle 1700's it was more important to "till the soil" to make a living - than it was - to worry about the "spelling of your name" - therefore - 2 sons (1) John & (4) Elias) became "Kackley", 1 son (3) Valentine became "Cackley", and 2 sons remained "Keckley" (s) (2) Jacob, Jr & (7) Benjamin), although "Benjamin" was frequently called a "Cackley".

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After I secured the two "Census Reports" - it was easy to "dope out" that Elias J. Crackley" - Was "(4) Elias James Kackley." More evidence of carelessness in listing "Civil War Soldiers" - fully 50% were WRONGLY listed. I then secured his record from Springfield and it was NOT the SAME as his brother "Jobe Sine's", as he served all through the war - and Elias J. died of a disease at Nashville, Tenn., on Feb'y 12, 1864 - and is buried in the Nat'l. Cem'tyr." at nearby Madison, Tenn. A request is now in Wash., D. C., for what detail data they may have - as to exact b. date, and his marital status. So, I am "hoping" on this item.

As usual - On a Bch. of 10 children - there are a few that "buck" giving their Bch. data - and - when other Bchs. can NOT give their data - you are faced to seek "Public Records" - and if not convenient to "View" you must buy them, which soon runs into many dollars extra expense.

To save expenses, I plan to soon go to Charleston, Ills., and have them "dig out" the dusty birth & death record books for me to peruse, beginning with No. 1 - and on the Mar'ge books - from about 1860 onward. This will involve probably two or three days time - but will save about \$100.00 in "fees" for certified records. Before this trip - I plan to go to Springfield, and search the "1865 State Census" "micro-film - records" (with a good magnifying glass), to help determine if the parents were then still living - if not - then I will know they died sometime between Aug. 4, 1860 (census taking date), and the date of the state census taken in 1865. I must search in both counties of "Coles & Cumberland" to determine this. Then some way I must learn their approx. death dates and try to find their burial place in some rural cemetery - a tough job.

Most "Historians" take what is sent them, and leave the "stubborn" branch go - but that makes a very poor "F. History" - so, I make every effort possible to complete every branch 100% - IF they do not take too much money to complete.

By the way - can you furnish me the names and addresses of any of the descendants of - (6) "Joseph & Susan (McClure) Ca." and (7) "Benjamin & Fanny (McKeever) Cockley" who migrated to Jackson Co., Ohio? We have been unable to locate any of these branches.

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Mr. Campbell IS a farmer "Justice of the Peace," and still does considerable "Federal and Ohio State Income Tax Work" at his home - and now is his busy season, so, if you write him it might be a little time before you hear from him - so - do not despair. And, in the meantime - if you would like to come to look over my data - almost any time will be suitable - as I put in about 10 hours daily on this F. History work - letters come in almost daily from the hundreds of contacts I am making - but - you better give me a few days advance notice, as once in a great while we are away from home. Our over-night accomodations are usually not too good, as we rent out all spare rooms to male roomers but of course, now and then we do have a "vacancy" where we can accomodate you - be sure and bring the "Mrs.", as she and the wife can "confab" while you & I do the History work.

So, with this, I will bring this lengthy letter to a close, write when it may be convenient - and if you have any questions - fire them to me - and I will do my best to answer them.

Yours very truly,
s/ D. Earl Keckley
938 West Wood St.
Decatur, Illinois

Letter No. 1632
(Reading time 1 hr.)

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CALVIN W. PRICE.

Calvin W. Price, 76, editor and publisher of the Pocahontas Times, and one of West Virginia's most widely known newspapermen, died unexpectedly at his home in Marlinton Friday, June 14, 1957. He was born in Rockingham County, Va., a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. William T. Price. His father was a Presbyterian minister, who moved to Pocahontas County when this son was a mere lad. At the age of 15, he became an apprentice on the Pocahontas Times, and four years later a partner, and became the sole owner in 1906. Besides being one of this state's most widely known editors, an honorary doctorate was conferred on him several years ago by West Virginia University, and in recognition of his great zeal for nature, wildlife and censervation, a State Forest in Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties was named for him. Services were held Sunday in the Marlinton Presbyterian Church, conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Ernest H. Flaniken, and burial followed in Mountain View cemetery. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mabel Milligan Price; four daughters, Mrs. John Branch Green of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Isaac McNeel of Charleston, Mrs. J. D. Hubard of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Basil Sharp of Marlinton; a brother, Dr. Norman Price of Marlinton, and a sister, Mrs. Frank R. Hunter of Marlinton; also 10 grandchildren.

This book is undertaken to dispel some wrongs and the misdeeds of Lincoln's historical propagandizer. Under necessary circumstances this might be considered a delicate question, but so much has been done by the number of books that have been published on the subject and the scandal that has covered the nation that I am sure that I cannot add to the sorrow of two good women. It is my sincere desire to place them in a better light before a hundred million people, everyone of whom is deeply incensed to them for the sinner of the nation, Abraham Lincoln. The women I refer to are Lucy Hanks and her daughter Nancy Hanks.

Each passing year adds new lustre to the name of Abraham Lincoln. Devoted as I have been to the neglected history of West Virginia, so long at the mercy of the mercenaries among historians, I had not considered Lincoln as a study demanding my attention any further than his actions as a statesman were responsible for the formation of the State of West Virginia and the movements of the Civil War within this State.

Every drop of blood in me is Confederate. I was born since the war but I can remember the days when Lincoln was not revered universally either in the North nor in the South. When it is remembered that his Gettysburg speech, now considered the supreme voicing of thought, was ridiculed and derided by Northern editors, some idea can be obtained of what Lincoln had to endure in his lifetime before the second sober thought of his countrymen set him on the highest place in history ever known in the troubled story of the world.

The Lincolns belonged to Rockingham County, Virginia. That was the county filled with what we call pacifists in this day. It was the breed of Quakers, Mennonites and Dunkards. High class, level-headed people who had a clear understanding of the horrors of war where the winner is also a loser. And as for the almighty dollar, they were experts in that game, and money was highly

important to them. That was the county that suffered more than any other county in the United States per capita, and while Lincoln was president and commander in chief of the army. My earliest impression then were from men who had suffered from the burning and raiding of the Valley of Virginia, and "Old Abe" was about the best name that they called him. If it had not been for my father who was a historian and a Confederate soldier and who appreciated the greatness of Lincoln long before some of the men of disappointed ambitions in the North, I might have grown up in the belief that the war president had cloven hoofs.

Later on when we had moved from Rockingham county to the mountains of West Virginia and I had the opportunity of hearing men discuss for endless hours in conversation the history of the Civil War, I began to see how the existence of the Union depended upon the unfaltering purpose of one man, just as the success of the Revolution was due to the steadfast nature and good judgment of George Washington. I have come to regard Abraham Lincoln as one of the men that the Lord provides from time to time to preserve mankind from destruction through their own mad passions and prejudices.

Perhaps the most engrossing problem ever presented to the psychologist was how Lincoln the wise man and the man without the benefit of even a most primitive school, could have been evolved from the Lincolns and the Hankses, as the sole representative of two prolific families that ever showed any scholastic ability or who ever reached an eminent position upon his own merit. If there ever was a case of a man who burst his birth's invidious bar, it was he.

Ever since I can remember the searchers after truth who delighted in unsavory subjects were divided in two schools, one which advanced the theory that Lincoln was the son of John C. Calhoun, and the other that Lincoln was the half brother of Jefferson Davis. Something like forty years ago I was able to combat both theories for I had

found out that if there ever was a pure and virtuous woman on the face of the earth it was Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Therefore there could not be any truth in those rumors. Never was there a more undeserved case of the fell work of the Ivid wing of scoundrels.

But when it comes to the question of Lucy Banks, the grandmother, who atoned for what some might consider a mistake of her girlhood, by a long life of good works as a noble Christian woman, the wife of a good man, and the mother of nine children, we have to accept the fact that Nancy Hanks was a base born child, and we have to look to the circumstances surrounding that fact.

There can be little doubt that the Hanks family knew who was the father of Nancy Hanks and there can be no doubt that they regarded it as a secret so profound that it could not be divulged. I believe that Abraham Lincoln knew who his grandfather was and that his lips were tightly sealed. All that he said about it that has been preserved was that his grandfather was a Virginia planter and that he believed that whatever talent that he had was inherited from his unnamed grandfather. This is one of the strongest evidences to me that the gentleman that I am about to name was the grandfather of Abraham Lincoln.

One of Lincoln's great aunts, a sister of Lucy, had a child before marriage by a man by the name of Charles Friend. It did not suit to marry for some reason or other but there was no great concealment for they named the baby Dennis Friend Hanks, and he was adopted along with little Nancy by Elizabeth Spar-

row, aunt to both of them, and brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. This was the Dennis Hanks, a sort of fireside philosopher, who was an earlier counselor of his cousin Abe. This Dennis Hanks took the view that he should perjure himself like a gentleman and prove that Nancy Hanks was named Nancy Sparrow and born in lawful wedlock after Lucy married the other Sparrow. This he failed to accomplish. I suppose that these matters

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but best held in suspense as a general thing, but when the fate of nations depend upon the vacuous of human beings, there is nothing much we can do but confirm our faith and depend upon Providence, and admit that we are helpless and dependent mortals.

A woman said the other day that what was the rightest thing in the world could be the wrongest thing in the world under different circumstances.

Physically Lincoln took after the Lincolns. They were given to tall ungainly forms. One of my earliest recollections was one of the clan that was six feet seven inches tall and thin and raw boned.

Lincoln was a cousin of R. E. Lee. The name of Lee is one of the proudest in Virginia and China. Some of the rest of us decayed aristocrats may whisper around that the Lees are a comparatively modern family, dating back to a mere two hundred years or so, but the Lees still grandly on nevertheless and number many great and important names on the list. They ought to agree on the spelling however far away back there a distinguished Virginia jurist spelled his name Leigh. It looks like there may have been an ancestor phonetically inclined, like the branch that were apt to spell their name Linkhorn.

Dr. Barton of Foxboro, Massachusetts, has become the most famous of the biographers of Lincoln, though Emil Ludwig is making a pass at the subject at this time and he seems to be a man of parts, capable of felicity in expression and discernment. West Virginia at this great intellectual feast takes the place of the poor man at a frolic. We furnished a tottering democracy with the immortal Nancy and you cannot laugh that off. I have had many kind letters from Dr. Barton lately and he has accepted my help in the spirit in which it was offered. After the home of the Hanks had been found to be in Mineral County, I was able to locate the missing title papers. In that I functioned as an attorney-at-law, rather than a historian. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to me that the title and survey have passed the critical in-

spection of David C. Martin, I noticed in Dr. Barton's late book that he has the picture of the ruins of a house with a cellar as one of the possible sites of the Hanks home- stead. This to an antiquarian is an anachronism, as the pioneers on the headwaters did not have cellars in 1784.

I feel that the best evidence of the identity of the mysterious grandfather is to be gathered from Lincoln's talk with his law partner, William H. Herndon, who has recorded it in his history, and his account should be carefully considered. Herndon said:

"It was about 1850, when he and I were driving in his one horse buggy to the court in Menard County, Illinois, . . . he spoke, for the first time in my hearing, of his mother, dwelling on her characteristics, and mentioning or enumerating what qualities, he inherited from her. He said, among other things, that she was the illegitimate daughter of Lucy Hanks and a well bred Virginia farmer or planter; and he argued that from this last source came his power of analysis his mental activity, his ambition, and all the qualities that distinguished him from the other members and descendants of the Hanks family The revelation—painful as it was—called up the recollection of his mother, and as the buggy jolted over the road, he added ruefully, 'God bless my mother; all that I am or ever hope to be I owe to her.'

In the Virginias the word planter is never used to describe a farmer in the Valley or in the Mountains. It is confined to the tobacco and cotton regions and that is what was meant in this case. It is apparent that Lincoln knew who the grandfather was and that there was a powerful reason for not disclosing the name. It would have been fatal to his political life. It would have invoked a storm of ridicule. Lincoln up to the hour of his death was subjected to abuse and adverse criticism. Kind words were few and far between.

Joseph Hanks was a native of Rich mond county a county in the Northern Neck where it narrows down to the few miles that separate the tidal rivers, the Potomac and the Rappa hock. The space here is taken

up largely by Richmond County and Westmoreland County, and this spot has been the birthplace of many eminent men, among them being Washington, Monroe, the Lees, and other prominent personages.

Hanks signed by mark. He married Ann Lee. He was in the Fairfax grant and decided to go to the extreme western part of the Fairfax lands. This was about 1782, as fixed by Barton, from certain records that he examined in Richmond County. The way at that time lay by Alexandria by Leesburg through Snickers

Gap of the Blue Ridge, and by Winchester, and Romney, to Patterson Creek.

Fairfax had set aside as manor lands 9000 acres of the bottoms along Patterson Creek but there was good land to be taken up outside the reservation.

When he moved he had nine children, five boys and four girls and all must have been with him as they were listed in the census of 1782 as living in Hampshire County.

Reaching back towards the Allegheny Front was Mikes Run a stream about ten miles long. In this neighborhood, Hanks saw George Terry who had settled there. He looked at a choice spot in a hollow in the hills on the head drains of Mikes Run which Peter Hartman had bought of Fairfax in 1781. Hartman had gone back to Washington County, Maryland, beyond the danger of Indian raids and had left George Terry a title bond for the tract. It was 216 acres and just filled the little hollow. It had limestones to insure its fertility. There were sugar trees. Good springs shelter from the storms. Protection from the Indians. It had even a good deer lick. Terry agreed with Hanks that the latter should have the northern end. The tract was something over a mile long and about a third of a mile broad and lay parallel with the mountain ranges. Hanks built his home here. Barton says that Hanks may have come in the latter part of the year 1782. That is not at all probable. Whoever heard of a settler like Hanks who had no money coming to the mountains in

the fall of the year. It would be as
natural for a man to go south as
it is to go north. I have seen this
done by many, and I have seen
them return. And
when it is known that Hanks wintered
at home with some relatives, we know
that well that he raised a patch of
corn to a total amount of five.
He must have been there two
years. From the spring of 1782 to
the spring of 1784. He had improved
the land by clearing and building a
house and new room which had no
door, no window, and not much of a
chimney.

Hanks was a good citizen and a
good provider no doubt. There was
a strong religious streak in the blood.
I like to quote that verse about the
poorer families and how they train
and their youths. "He raised them
up, but he raised them well, when
their feet took hold of the paths of
evil, he filled them full of the wrath
of God, and tanned their hides with
an old rawhide."

To this household came trouble and
disaster. Their fine daughter, Lucy,
was married, was found to be pregnant
That put the household on the move.

Hanks was poor. He managed to
raise about a hundred dollars from a
money lender by giving a lien on his
land. It does not state that this
was gold. Anything but that. And
considering the state of the national
and state currency it must have been
a pifflin sum. Hardly enough to fit
a broad wagon in this day and time.
So it the family turned their
faces to the setting sun and their
place knew them no more.

It was only by real work that Bar-
ton was able to locate them from year
to the western part of
Kentucky. And there is an hiatus in
his record from 1784 to 1787.
would be well for search to be mad
in the records of Monongalia and
Ohio counties, West Virginia, as
the original counties of the Virgin-
ian part of Pennsylvania, for it is more
than likely that the Hanks ran
out for a season or two on the
waters of the Monongahela. The year
1784, was a specially dangerous year
for immigrants to float down
Ohio, and I hardly think it pos-
sible that they got through the In-
dian country in the woods and

the Hanks family in exile. The
old folks tell him, perhaps that
large had been ruined and the family
to hide their shame have gone to
Kentucky. Then the planter gets up
an expedition to Kentucky under

the plea of looking after his real es-
tate holdings on the Ohio river. His
story says that after getting to the
navigable waters of the Ohio, he finds
the Indians are up and that it would
not be safe to descend the river in a
boat. He spends some weeks around
the headwaters of the Monongahela
River and returns. One night he sits
under a tree all night in the rain.

The Joseph Hanks family in its
migration travelled from the coast to
near the Mississippi River. They
went from the banks of the Rappa-
hamock to the headwaters of the
Potomac and from there to Rough
Creek or Rough River as it is now
called a branch of the Green River in
Kentucky. The planter had lands in
each of the regions. It is significant
that the only land that he owned in
Kentucky was in the pennyroyal on
Rough Creek where he had seven
thousand acres.

Breed is stronger than pasture. No
proof has been adduced that would
be accepted after a plea in bar. But
it seems to me that we know
it. We sense it as it were.
Chaps I had better not be more
elate concerning a man who was
in war, first in peace, and first
in the hearts of his countrymen.

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The clue we have is that Lucy
Hanks was betrayed in the year 1783
in Hampshire county. The question
naturally arises from the known facts
whether there was any Virginia
planter running loose in that county
during the summer of 1783? It ap-
pears that there was. That he was
rich, and powerful, of an amazing
personal perfection, in the dangerous
fifties, devoted to hunting and to
woods life, and who had been born
and raised with Joseph Hanks, Hanks
being about seven years older than
the planter. History places this
planter in that Eastern Panhandle
the summer of 1783. In fact he had
a summer home there. That partic-
ular year he was the employer of and
the financial backer of a man who
was trying to build a boat that would
float up stream without sails or oars.
That is the fatal opportunity. The
summer of the next year we can
imagine that same planter coming
back to his summer home and find-
ing a deserted cabin in the woods and

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CABLE ADDRESS
"PATENT PITTSBURGH"

May 5, 1937

Mr. Calvin W. Price,
Marlinton, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Price:

... me in my search for data concerning the Golden Eagle. It was very kind of you, and very useful to me. I am sorry that I did not see you either on Saturday or Sunday to speak of these things.

I append a list of birds casually noted in running about Pocahontas County. As a typical list it is imperfect, chiefly because the time is one when migrants are returning in daily increasing numbers, and the possibilities of seeing particular species necessarily exceeds any such casual experience.

With kindest wishes,

Yours very truly,

Bayard H. Christy

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OKEY L. PATTESON
GOVERNOR

November 21, 1949

Honorable Calvin Price
Editor, Pocahontas Times
Marlinton, West Virginia

Dear Calvin:

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending me letter from James E. Banks, which he wrote to you under date of November 8.

However, I believe the matter has been worked out at least to the satisfaction of my Negro friends. For your information, I am herewith enclosing a Statement of Policy with reference to Negro Troops in West Virginia National Guard, together with a copy of my letter and General Fox's letter to General Cramer who is Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

In view of this Statement of Policy, I do not believe that even the Republicans would construe anything detrimental from the letter therein expressed.

Also, I am returning your letter from Mr. Banks, and again sincerely thank you for your spirit of cooperation in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Okey L. Patterson
OKEY L. PATTESON,
Governor.

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November 14, 1949

Major General Kenneth F. Cramer
Chief, National Guard Bureau
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Cramer:

Under date of November 9, 1949, our State Adjutant General, Brigadier General Charles R. Fox, wrote you in regard to additional units for colored troops in West Virginia.

I wish to take this opportunity to advise that I concur in General Fox's request one hundred percent, and sincerely trust that you will use your good office to aid in this very important matter. If I can be of any service in this connection, I will be most happy to make a trip to Washington with General Fox if such would expedite the granting of this request in any manner.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

OKEY L. PATTESON,
Governor.

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Loray, North Carolina

E. V. WILEY
MINISTER

OCTOBER 21, 1953

MR. C. W. PRICE
MARLINTON, W. VA.

DEAR MR. PRICE:

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE HONOR OF THE 11,000 ACRES OF TREES FOR A NAMESAKE. AND YET I SHOULD CONGRATULATE THE FORESTRY DEPT. ON THEIR GOOD JUDGEMENT.

IT WOULD BE AN HONOR AND A JOY TO ME TO GO WITH YOU ON ONE OF YOUR EXPLORATIONS THROUGH THE FOREST. I STILL HAVE SUCH LONGINGS, EVEN IF I DON'T GET TO CARRY OUT MY HEART'S DESIRE.

AT THIS WRITING, WE ARE ALL WELL. THE WIFE AND I ARE AT HOME, KEEPING THINGS HUMMING. DORA LEE IS IN W. C. U. N. C. AT GREENSBORO, N. C. AND JOHN DUDLEY IS IN THE DARLINGTON SCHOOL, AT ROME, GA. THEY, EACH ONE, ARE DOING FINE.

WE ARE TO HAVE ONE OF OUR W.VA. BOYS WITH US HERE IN OUR CHURCH ON OCT. 28TH., THE REV. E. R. AREHART, FORMERLY OF FRANKLIN, W. VA., AND NOW OF THE NORTH BRAZIL MISSION. AS WE COULD NOT GET HIM ON A SUNDAY, WE ARE HAVING A DINNER FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH AND HE WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER.

IT IS QUITE DRY DOWN HERE, BUT WE ARE STILL HAVING TOMATOES AND SQUASH OUT OF OUR GARDEN. (MULCH FARMING).

WITH BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOUR FAMILY AND TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, I AM

MOST SINCERELY,

Ezell Wiley.

RAY CAVENDISH
COMMISSIONER

THE STATE ROAD COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
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Mr. G. G. Karnes
District Engineer
State Road Commission
Elkins, West Virginia

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Dear Mr. Karnes:

As you know, we have had considerable pressure for the construction of an all-weather road from a point on Route US 219 in the vicinity of Slaty Fork to the operation of the Maust Coal & Coke Company, in Pocahontas County.

Request for this improvement has come from several of the County's leading citizens. On your next trip to that section please get in touch with Senator Fred G. Allen of Marlinton, Delegate June McElwee and the Honorable Calvin W. Price, Editor, The Pocahontas Times, in order to go into this matter thoroughly with them. In the event it develops that it is the desire of the people to have this section of road constructed, you may consider this as your authority to revise the Pocahontas County Bond Program to include this project.

Very truly yours,

C.PH

Ray Cavendish
Commissioner

Sen. Fred G. Allen
Hon. June McElwee
Hon. Calvin W. Price
Hon. John G. Fox, Fayetteville
Mr. H. E. Griffith

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THE POCOHONTAS TIMES
CALVIN W. PRICE, Editor

Marlinton, W. Va., May 25, 1939

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Greeting :

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Regards,

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
GEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY
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Aug. 3, 1937.

Honorable Calvin Price,
Editor, The Pocahontas Times,
Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Calvin:

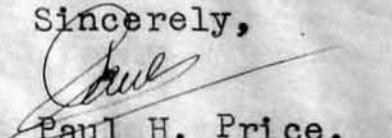
Some days ago in talking with you, I mentioned the fact that the Association of American Petroleum Geologists was holding its meeting this year in Pittsburgh, Pa. Preceding the technical session, an extensive field trip requiring three days would be taken the most of which is to be in West Virginia. The plan is to enter West Virginia near Red House continue east over U. S. 50 to Winchester down the valley to Harrisonburg, west to Franklin, Circleville, Thornwood, Minnehaha Springs, Marlinton, Lewisburg, Charleston, Parkersburg, Wheeling and Pittsburgh. You can see that this puts particularly all of the trip in West Virginia and furthermore, goes through the good county of Pocahontas. This delegation will be an important group, a group composed of people from widely scattered points, especially the western States. I am, of course, very anxious that we West Virginians make a good impression with our visitors. We know we have the geologic interest and the problem is up to us to see that they get to see our geology at its best.

My present purpose in writing though at this time is to ask if it will be possible to have lunch served the group in Marlinton. Could the hotels there handle it or would it be possible for one of the church organizations to do it. It will be impossible at this early date to tell definitely how many will be there. It is estimated that there will be anywhere from 75 to 150. I am inclined to think the latter will be nearer correct. It will be necessary, however, that the least amount of time possible is consumed for the lunch period because that day's trip will extend from New Market, Va., and the party must be in Charleston by six o'clock.

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Hon. Calvin Price,
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With the many points of geologic interest, you can see that there will be little time for eating. If it is not asking too much, will you advise me whether or not arrangements can be made to serve a lunch or noon day meal to this party on Tuesday, October 12th at one o'clock, also the price for the meal? If you can help me with this and advise me, I will be further indebted to you.

Sincerely,


Paul H. Price,
State Geologist.

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Oct. 11, 1937

Mr. Calvin W. Price

Marlinton, W. Va

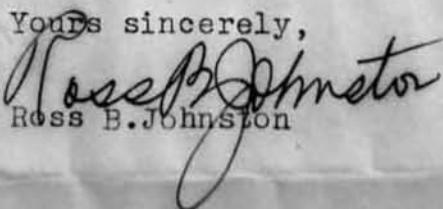
Dear Cal:-

I went off the W.P.A. payroll as of Oct. 9, but will continue to check the marker inscriptions and handle the other contacts with the manufacturer of the markers until the order is completed. There have been shipped the markers for 33 of the 55 counties. Of the remainder, of course ~~they~~ average much fewer markers to the county.

I can now devote my time for a few weeks to seeing what additional markers are desired by various communities. I enclose copy of statement which I am using. Perhaps it should have been printed but it cost a little more than I felt justified in putting into it. Do you think that it should have been a printed form?

I'll be glad to have you indicate what you think of the set-up. Does there seem to be a feeling at Marlinton that there should be additional markers anywhere. Several towns want a marker on each road leading into that community but I feel sure that every county will want one or more additional markers.

Yours sincerely,


Ross B. Johnston

Print _____

Address _____

The program of marking points of outstanding historic and scenic interest in West Virginia will be completed so far as funds will permit before the end of 1937 by the erection of the last of the 440 highway markers under the Works Progress Administration, the Road Commission of West Virginia, and the Historic and Scenic Marker Commission. Private groups and communities have indicated a desire for additional markers for which there are no funds available. A plan is now offered by which private cooperation may add to the unified program that is now underway to designate the State's landmarks, and to more full mark places, such as towns and cities, that have already received single markers.

Private groups or communities which want to purchase additional markers of the same design as those now being erected on West Virginia highways may do so by obtaining the consent and approval of the Historic and Scenic Markers Commission as to the inscription appearing on the tablet, and as to the place of erection. If such markers are then paid for and delivered to the State Road Commission, with the necessary post for each marker, that department will erect and maintain the markers to the same extent as though purchased and installed by the combined effort of Federal and State government and the Marker Commission.

The Michaels Art Bronze Company, Covington, Kentucky, has manufactured the highway markers which have already been purchased. This firm has agreed to make direct contract for each order for additional markers at a delivered price of \$65.00 each. This does not include the supporting posts which must also be supplied by the purchaser of the markers. The posts must meet standard specifications.

Agencies which want additional markers should fill out the order below and forward promptly to Ross B. Johnston, No. 9 Hubbard Court, Charleston, West Va., who will aid in preparing the inscriptions and checking locations of markers for the West Virginia Commission on Historic and Scenic Markers and assemble and forward the orders to the manufacturer.

THE MICHAELS ART BRONZE CO.,
11-243 Court Avenue,
Lexington, Kentucky

Date 1937

This is your authorization to manufacture _____ historic and scenic highway markers at the unit price of \$65.00 delivered at West Virginia points which will be designated later. It is understood that inscription and location of each marker is to have the approval of the West Virginia Commission on Historic and Scenic Markers. Shipment will be made to the proper district offices of the West Virginia State Road Commission upon final instructions after the orders have been assembled.

Yours very truly,

Name: _____

Please

Prin _____

Address

PARKERSBURG CIVIC WOMANS CLUB

PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

July 31, 1950

Mr. Cal Price
Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

I am inreceipt of your letter of July 18 and am delighted to know you will come to Parkersburg and speak before the Civic Woman's Club.

Since you have specified that you can only come on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, we have decided that Thursday, October 19 will be the time - if that is still all right with you. It will be a covered dish dinner with husbands present and if there is a Mrs. Cal Price we will be very happy to have you both present for the entire evening. If not - Mr. Price - for sure.

As a state federated club, we are asked to have one program on West Virginia this year - and that is what we would like for you to talk about also subject to your approval. Too, in my other letter to you I forgot to ask you about charges, etc. Please let me hear from you abain.

I will advise you later regarding time and place - place will depend upon registration. Looking forward to hearing from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Glen E. Mealy

Mrs. Glen E. Mealy
1023 Laird Avenue
Parkersburg, W. Va.



JAMES H. PRICE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
SENATE CHAMBER
RICHMOND

2 October 1937

Mr. Calvin W. Price, Editor
Pocahontas Times
Marlinton, West Virginia

My dear Calvin :

Upon my return from Lexington this morning, I find several copies of the Pocahontas Times awaiting me. I have just had time to hurriedly look through the paper and my attention has been attracted by your very kind comments on the Price family. I will distribute some of these copies to other members of the connection.

When I returned home, my wife told me that during my absence Judge McClintic had done me the honor to call and pay his respects. He frequently comes to Richmond and I have thoroughly enjoyed him.

One of the greatest pleasures that I had at the Greenbrier Valley Fair was seeing you again and since you have some daughters living in our section, I am hoping that you may have occasion to come to Richmond. If you do, I certainly want you to reserve time enough to come to see us.

I appreciate the papers very much.

Sincerely yours,

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

January 10, 1942

Mr. Calvin Price
Marlinton, West Virginia

Dear Calvin:

I appreciate your comprehensive letter of January 3. I shall direct my answer first of all to Mr. Bell. I have recommended Mr. Bell to Col. Vandervoort of the Zone Construction Quartermaster office of the War Department in Columbus, Ohio. I feel certain he is deserving and will do all I can to be helpful.

Secondly, I must state I have given practically no consideration to being an aspirant for the United States Senate. I have been so engrossed in my duties that I have really put forth an all out effort in my present job to contribute to our defense efforts. I sincerely appreciate your friendship for me, and I know how much valuable aid you would render in case I were to become a candidate. I shall check the matter very carefully within the next few days and perhaps come to a definite decision. I know Mr. Staggers very well.

Thirdly, the retention of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington is now being considered along with the retention of the other agencies. I have been having conferences with Senator McCarran, Chairman of the Senate District of Columbia Committee, and we have been putting forth every effort to keep these bureaus here because shifting them would impair efficiency, etc. We have had as witnesses before our joint hearing the Director of this organization. I hope for an audience with the President on this subject Monday, in company with Senator Barkley and Senator McCarran.

With kindest personal regards always,
I am

Sincerely and faithfully yours,

Jennings Randolph
JENNINGS RANDOLPH

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MAINTAINING DIVISION



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readers.

OUR RECLAMATION COMMITTEE



CONSERVATION INFORMATION SERVICE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION



WASHINGTON, D. C.

- F L A S H -
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED -- NOW!

An executive order has been issued, transferring certain services of the government from Washington to other cities. The Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior is scheduled to go to Chicago, unless immediate steps are taken to prevent it.

A majority of the 375 employees are highly trained technicians and specialists. Over 150 have indicated that due to the purchase of homes or other conditions they cannot carry on in Chicago. These men have been with the Service for years and cannot be replaced in the near future when their services are indispensable to the conduct of this Bureau which in turn is vital to the conservation of our wildlife and related natural resources.

It is of the utmost importance that the Fish and Wildlife Service be in the vicinity of Washington in order that it may work in close cooperation with defense and other conservation agencies, such as the Soil Conservation Service, the National Park Service, Triple A, etc.

At Patuxent, Maryland, within ten miles of Washington, the Fish and Wildlife Service has 3,000 acres, now being used as a wildlife refuge with buildings and laboratories for conducting experimental work. Within sixty days, temporary buildings can be erected on this land, to house this Service and possibly the National Park Service.

To erect these buildings will cost far less than to move the Service and the personnel to Chicago. Such an arrangement will enable the retention of the Service of all of its valuable personnel.

Our Honorary President, J. N. Darling, says:

"This move to Chicago will mean the eventual disintegration of the Fish and Wildlife Service, because the broad comprehensive plan for the future of the Service requires that it work in close cooperation with the other departments having to do with the conservation of our natural resources.

"To have this decision revised and the Service move to Patuxent or some other place within a few miles of Washington instead of to Chicago will aid and not hinder our war preparations. Every effort must be made by those who are deeply interested in the preservation of our wildlife to prevent this transfer to Chicago."

The order was issued by the Executive branch of the government. Please - now - the day you receive this letter - write or wire Harold Smith, Director of the Budget, Washington, D. C., and express your view on this vital problem. For good measure, also write your Representative and Senator.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR -- ALSO REMEMBER THE DUST BOWL!

Sincerely,

I. R. Watts
I. R. Watts, Director
SERVICING DIVISION



304-26th.St.S.E.
Charleston, West Va.
December 31 1941.

Mr. Calvin Price,
Marlinton, West Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

I have today written a letter to Hon. Jennings Randolph in regard to getting a position in the land department U.S. Army or any other position and have taken the liberty to use your name as one of my references. I am also going to ask you if you will write him a letter tying me up with Pocahontas County as to property, family etc. also in regard to my character, ability and democracy. If you will do this as soon as possible so that it would reach him before he takes any action it will be greatly appreciated.

Hoping you had a merry Christmas and that you will have a Happy Prosperous New Year, I am,

Sincerely,

Walton H. Bell



OHIO RECLAMATION COMMITTEE

WILLIAM L. BURT, Chairman
JAY LITTLEPAGE, Director

AN ENTERPRISE CARRIED ON BY THE OPEN CUT MINING
INDUSTRY OF OHIO TO RESTORE THE MARGINAL SURFACE
LANDS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH OPEN CUT OPERATIONS
BOX 85, ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO

April 7, 1942

Mr. Calvin Price
Pocohontas Times
Marlington, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Price:

In accordance with our telephone conversation the other night, I am enclosing a check for \$35.00 in payment for the bear rug. I would appreciate it very much if you could have the rug shipped by express, collect, to me here at Wheeling, West Virginia.

I want to thank you very much for your interest and trouble in getting this rug for me.

Yours very truly

William L. Burt
William L. Burt

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March 20, 1940

1614 NINETEENTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Price:

January 14, 1949

I have just become a reader of the Pocahontas Times and like your articles on wild life very much. You have a happy style (which I can certify as good, after my long experience as an editor). Keep up the good work!

Noting in the Blue Book that you are a member of the Commission on Markers of Historic and Scenic Places in your State, I should like to know if any such spots have been marked during the last year or two, and if so, where and why. Do not trouble yourself to write, but perhaps you have a printed report or some published data.

Although I have merely skirted the State in my travels, I have a keen interest in West Virginia's unique history and equally unique position geographically among the States. It seems to me to be capable of enormous development, aside from its chief product--coal. It should become the chief center of interest to motorists from every part of our Union, it seems to me.

Sincerely yours

Mr. Calvin W. Price
Editor Pocahontas Times
Marlinton, West Virginia.

Ira E. Bennett

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Shenandoah Life Insurance Co., Inc.

Roanoke, Virginia

DAVID D. TAYLOR, BRANCH MANAGER

320-21-22-23 PROFESSIONAL BUILDING,
CLARKSBURG, W. VA

February 5, 1942

Mr. Cal Price
Editor Pocahontas Times
Marlinton, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Price:

First let me preface my remarks to you by stating that I to have a wholesome respect for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, and I am sure your recommendation of Mr. S. N. Hench is not lightly given and that he is a gentleman of the first water. Be that as it may, I cannot help but be somewhat shocked that you, who stems from the fine old stock of the old dominion state of Virginia, steeped in its democratic traditions, and loyal in every other respect to its worthy tenents, should affiliate yourself and your worthy newspaper in a program of propaganda for this yankee domiciled and managed institution.

Do you not think, Cal, that the bones of your ancestors will turn over in chagrin, when they realize that grand old Virginia Company, the Shenandoah Life, has been represented in your baliwick by your good friend and neighbor, Harper M. Smith, low these many years, and has given protection and comfort to the good citizens of Pocahontas County, with never a nod of recognition or encouragement from your most illustrious publication the Pocahontas Times. Yet here at the first opportunity, you burst into impassioned print in behalf of this ultra northern, yankee dominated, New England located, financial institution.

Nevertheless, Mr. Price be assured of our love for you personally and respect for your ability regardless of this one misguided action on your part.

Very truly yours,

David D. Taylor
David D. Taylor, Branch Mgr.
Northern W. Va. Branch Office

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
DIRECTOR CONSERVATION

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
CHARLESTON

October 5, 1937

Honorable Calvin Price,
Editor, Pocahontas Times,
Marlinton, W. Va.

Mr. C. T. Whitacre,
District Game Protector,
Dunmore, W. Va.

Mr. John Shanholtz,
District Game Protector,
Moorefield, W. Va.

Gentlemen:

It seems to me that in the past our friends from across the Alleghenies in Virginia, have been working a bit of a rabbit's foot on West Virginia, where deer hunting is concerned. I am reliably informed that when we opened our deer season prior to theirs, a considerable number of deer were driven from West Virginia across the Allegheny Mountains and into Virginia. The Virginians were then clever enough when their season started, to make their drive from the Virginia-West Virginia line eastward into Virginia -- thus driving the deer further into their territory where many of them remained.

Now, I propose that you gentlemen endeavor to persuade our West Virginia deer hunters to take a leaf from Virginia's book and since Virginia's adjoining counties have an earlier open season, let our hunters drive westward from the Virginia line when our season opens -- thus driving any of the Virginia deer which have crossed the Alleghenies further westward into the good State of West Virginia, where I am sure they will feel more at home.

For your information, according to Virginia's Game Laws for the year 1937-38, the only open season in bordering counties are as follows:

Allegheny and Bath Counties -- November 15th -- 20th.
Craig County, Open Hunting Season - November 15th - 30th.

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You will remember the old saying, "match force with force;
guile with guile, craft with craft."

Very sincerely,

H. W. Shawhan
H. W. Shawhan
Director of Conservation

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